Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 24 Apr 2023 at 15:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence, but moderate for timing of deteriorating conditions and rising freezing levels on Thursday and Friday. Low for details on Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 25 Apr 2023: Bitterly cold for the time of year. Snow showers in the north, drier and brighter in the south.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	20%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Tuesday 25 Apr 2023

Weather: Bitterly cold for the time of year. Patchy cloud and occasional snow showers, most frequent across Assynt and the far north. Largely dry with sunny spells south of Skye. Clearing skies for most hills in the evening, but patchy cloud remaining over the northwest coastal hills.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally very good or excellent visibility outside of showers. Patchy cloud lowering on to the higher summits in passing showers early morning, and late evening across the far north. Otherwise cloud bases above the summits.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/20 N	16/20 NW	14/18 N	13/18 N	14/20 N	14/21 N	13/19 N	9/13 N	7/9 NE
900	15/19 N	14/17 NW	12/16 N	12/18 N	14/20 N	15/21 N	14/19 N	9/13 N	6/9 NE
600	9/14 N	8/12 NW	9/12 N	11/16 N	11/17 N	12/18 N	11/17 N	6/11 N	4/6 NE
300	2/14 N	1/13 NW	2/12 N	5/15 N	6/17 N	8/19 N	8/17 N	5/12 N	3/8 N
Glen	4/12 N	3/10 N	4/10 N	5/11 NW	8/15 N	9/16 N	9/16 N	7/14 NE	6/10 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-12	-6/-13	-6/-12	-4/-11	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-9	-5/-10	-5/-10
900	-5/-11	-5/-11	-5/-11	-4/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-4/-9	-5/-8
600	-2/-7	-3/-7	-2/-7	-1/-6	0/-5	1/-4	0/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5
300	0/-2	-0/-2	-0/-2	2/0	4/1	5/2	3/0	1/-2	-0/-2
Glen	3/1	2/0	3/1	5/3	6/4	7/5	6/4	4/1	3/-0
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	200m	300m	300m	300m	300m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling exceptionally cold for late April.

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: Largely clear skies through the early hours leading to another cold frosty start, perhaps some patchy start mist in the glens. Then a largely dry day with sunny spells. A few very light snow showers around far northwest coasts. Lengthy clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 5-10 mph, falling light and variable in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low cloud and visibility: A chance of some mist in the glens around dawn, otherwise very good visibility with any cloud above the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 rising to plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 400-500m through the afternoon.

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